GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS AROUND HERITAGE SITES
Das Shri Bhakta Charan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several heritage sites/buildings in the country including those in the National Capital Region are being damaged due to illegal constructions near/around them;

(b) if so, the details thereof, building/site-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent the same and preserve the heritage sites/buildings?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(d) There are instances of unauthorized constructions in the prohibited/regulated area of centrally protected monuments. The details as sought are being collected through the field offices of the Archaeological Survey of India and will be laid on the table of the House.